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In Re the Application of: )  
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Serial No.: 09/461,663 )  
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Filed: December 14, 1999 )  
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Atty. File No.: 2997-1-3-1-4 )  
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For: "A METHOD FOR REDUCING )  
CORROSION IN A FERMENTOR")

Group Art Unit: 1651  
Examiner: D. Ware

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

<p align="center">CERTIFICATE OF MAILING</p> <p>I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C., 20231 ON FEBRUARY 9, 2001.</p> <p align="center">SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.</p> <p>BY: <u>Christine Jacquet</u></p>
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Dear Sir:

This Response is filed in reply to the Office Action mailed on December 20, 2000 (Paper No. 4). This response is filed within the three month shortened statutory period. Applicants therefore believe this response is timely filed. Applicants herein add three new claims, and the claim fees for this addition accompanies this response. Please debit any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970. Please amend and reconsider the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

- 16-72. (New) The method of Claim 38, wherein the microorganisms are selected from the group consisting of members of the order Thraustochytriales.
- 30-73. (New) The method of Claim 33, wherein the microorganisms are selected from the group consisting of members of the order Thraustochytriales.
- 39-74. (New) The method of Claim 34, wherein the microorganisms are selected from the group consisting of members of the order Thraustochytriales.

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